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SUBJECT: U.S. ARTICLE XXIII: 2 ACTION ON JAPANESE LEATHER
RESTRICTIONS

REF: STATE 147189

1. PLEASE REQUEST GATT SECRETARIAT TO CIRCULATE FOLLOWING
NOTIFICATION DETAILING U.S. ARTICLE XXIII:2 COMPLAINT
AGAINST JAPAN, WHICH MISSION PLACED ON JULY 24 COUNCIL
AGENDA LAST WEEK FOLLOWING AUTHORIZATION BY TPSC REPRESENTATIVES IN GENEVA:
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2. SINCE THE LATE 1940'S, JAPAN HAS MAINTAINED QUANTITATIVE
RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN LEATHER. THESE RESTRICTIONS
WERE JUSTIFIED UNTIL THE EARLY 1960'S AS A BALANCE OF
PAYMENTS MEASURE. HOWEVER, SINCE THAT TIME THERE HAS BEEN
NO JUSTIFICATION FOR THEM UNDER THE GENERAL AGREEMENT.
THE EFFECT OF THE RESTRICTIONS HAS BEEN TO VIRTUALLY EX-

CLUDE UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF LEATHER TO JAPAN AND ADVERSELY AFFECT THE U.S. TANNING INDUSTRY.

3. THE QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE OBSTACLES TO TRADE ACCOMPANYING THEM HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

AND THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN HELD OVER A PERIOD OF SEVERAL YEARS. SINCE LATE 1977 THESE DISCUSSIONS HAVE INTENSIFIED, WITH THE MOST RECENT MEETING HELD IN MAY OF THIS YEAR IN RESPONSE TO A UNITED STATES REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS PURSUANT TO GATT ARTICLE XXIII:1. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE WAS NO SATISFACTORY SOLUTION FOUND WITH RESPECT TO THIS PROBLEM.

4. THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS THAT THE JAPANESE RESTRICTIONS ARE UNJUSTIFIABLE AND INCONSISTENT WITH JAPAN'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE GENERAL AGREEMENT AND THAT THEY CONSTITUTE A NULLIFICATION OR IMPAIRMENT OF UNITED STATES RIGHTS UNDER THE GENERAL AGREEMENT. SINCE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN HAVE YIELDED NO RESULT, THE UNITED STATES REQUESTS THE CONTRACTING PARTIES TO INSTITUTE THE PROCEDURES OF ARTICLE XXIII:2. CHRISTOPHER

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